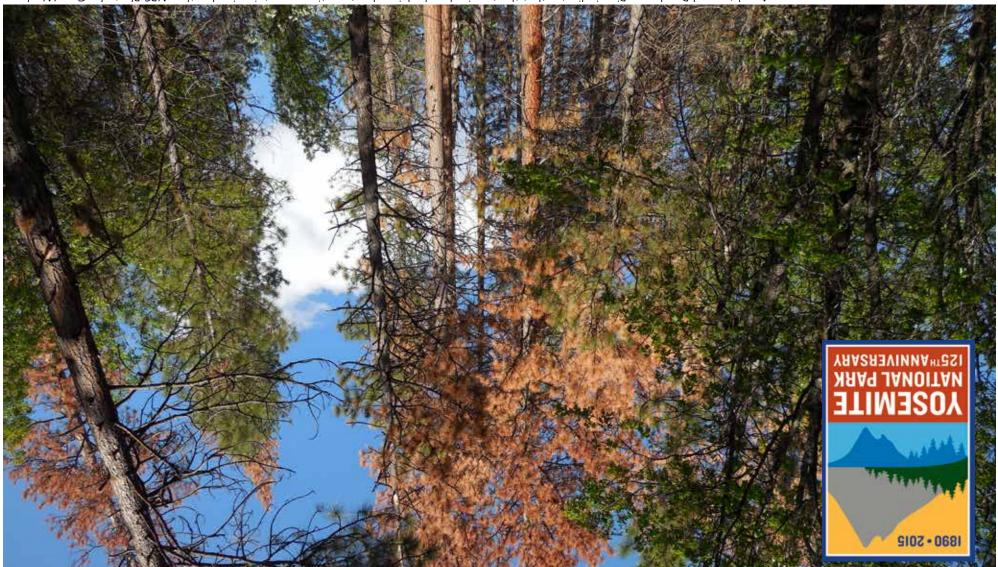
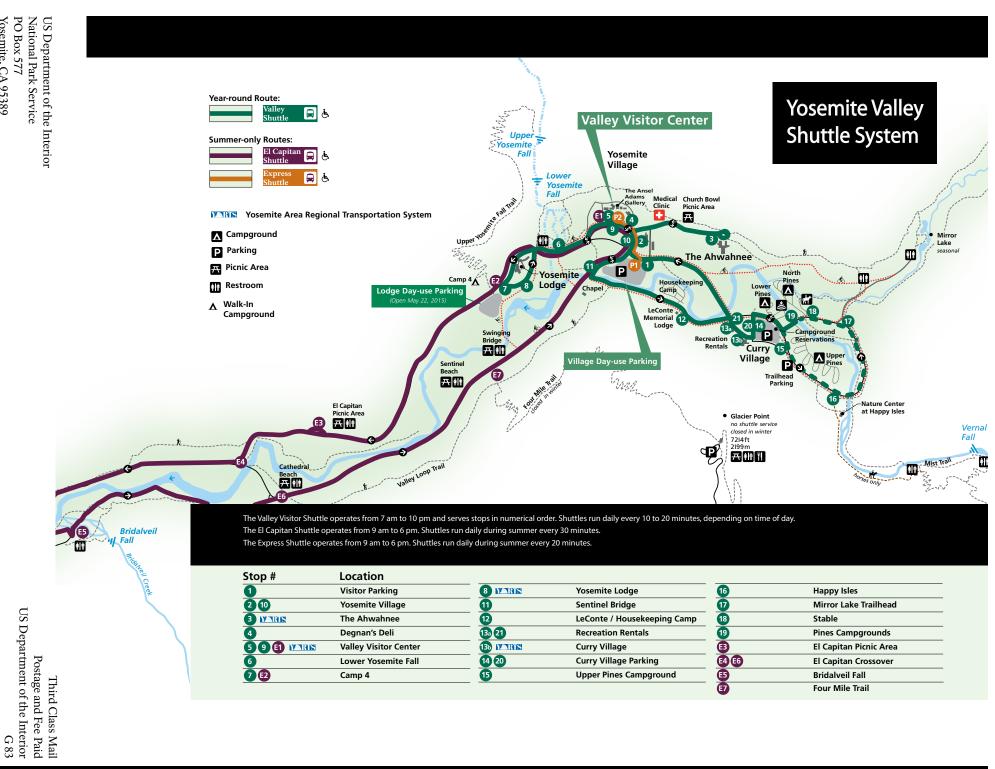
Yosemite Guide

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

A red-topped Ponderosa Pine indicates that the tree is already dying due to native mountain pine beetles. NPS Photo by Gary Wuchner



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Seasonal Highlights

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your trip to Yosemite National Park

Celebrate Yosemite's 125th Birthday!

On October 1, 2015, the park will commemorate the 125th anniversary of the establishment of Yosemite National Park. President Benjamin Harrison signed the legislation, thereby creating the nation's third National Park. The establishment of Yosemite National Park preserved over 1,500 square miles of land including Tuolumne Meadows, the park's high country, Hetch Hetchy, and lands surrounding Yosemite Valley. Check out the Anniversary Website at www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary for information about events happening all year.

Great things are happening in the Mariposa Grove!

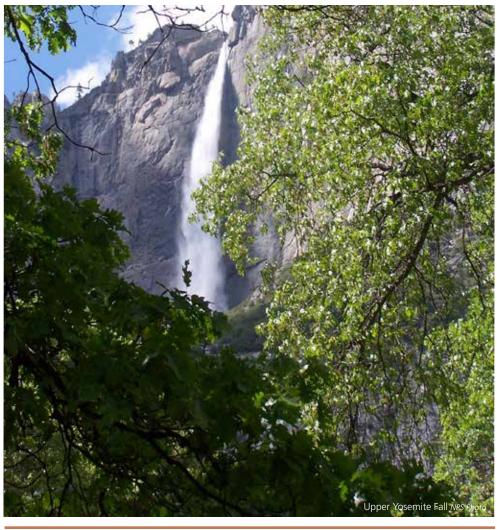
Starting July 6, 2015, the Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Project will enter a new phase that will require the temporary closure of the grove for up to 24 months. The restoration project aims to restore giant sequoia habitat and hydrology in the grove. The project will also improve restrooms, parking, and accessible trails.

Take the shuttle to Tuolumne Meadows... for FREE!

Daily shuttle service is now available between Yosemite Valley and the Tuolumne Visitor Center. Along with scheduled stops, the bus will stop at various trailheads along the way, when there are requests, as long as there is a safe place for the bus to pull off the road completely. Seating is first come/first serve and subject to availability. (See page 10 for more information.)

Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on a variety of topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, Yosemite Indians and more. (See pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 for details.)



Get outside and enjoy your park!

Summer offers spectacular views of waterfalls, great hiking, and endless other opportunities for recreation.

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Visit the Yosemite Museum Learn about Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. The YosemiteMuseum is located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9.

Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Some have fees, some are free. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. Shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See pages 5 and 6.)

Go to the Theater

After a day filled with exploring, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. Yosemite Theater presents a variety of performances, including plays based on some of the park's most colorful characters, inspiring films, and celebrations of Yosemite's culture and history. (See page 6 for show descriptions and schedules.)

Yosemite Art Center Workshops

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to participate in one of our enriching and fun plein air art sessions held Monday-Saturday from 9:45am to 2pm in Yosemite Valley. There is a registration fee of \$10 per workshop/person. To register in advance, call 209/372-1442. Walk-ins are welcome when space is available. Workshops begin at the Yosemite Art Center located next to the Village Store. Come by and browse our selection of art supplies, gifts, and original art. Open daily 9am to 4:30pm (closed at 12pm for lunch). (See page 6 for details.)

Get Outdoors with Yosemite Conservancy

Are you looking for a memorable way to explore Yosemite, tailored to your interests and ability? Our expert naturalist-guides will deeply enhance your understanding of the park as you walk among Yosemite's famous cliffs, trees and waterfalls. Whether you'd rather explore the park's flora and fauna during a gentle saunter along the river or learn about Yosemite's geology while taking an exhilarating and vigorous hike, we'll help you create the perfect outdoor experience. Contact us to plan a Custom Adventure for your family or group. Visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or 209/379-2317 x10 to find your adventure today. (See page 6 for details.)

Adventure out with the Yosemite Mountaineering School

Yosemite Mountaineering School provides outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. We are here to help you learn how to enjoy the woods safely and responsibly. Give us a call to join one of our group classes or schedule a custom outing designed specifically for your group. We offer professional guides for hiking, backpacking and rock climbing. Reservations required, please call 209/372-8344 or email yms@dncinc. com

Access for People with Disabilities

Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park.



For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick up an updated Yosemite Accessibility Guide which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035 for more information.



Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the Valley on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue and white signs.



Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-5250 (v/txt). Two weeks advance notice is requested. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request, inquire at a visitor center.

Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

Emergency Information

Emergency Dial 911

Yosemite Village Garage offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance

For up-to-date road, weather, and park information: 209/372-0200

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM for primary and urgent care needs. Phone: 209/372-4637

Lost and Found

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite's restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Non-commercial car, pickup truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats Valid for 7 days

(No per-person fee) \$30/vehicle April through October \$25/vehicle November through March

Motorcycle Valid for 7 days \$15/motorcycle

Individual Valid for 7 days

(In a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse)

Yosemite Pass

\$60 Valid for one year in Yosemite.

Interagency Annual Pass \$80 Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass \$10 (Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Access Pass (Free) (Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Interagency Military Pass (Free) (Annual) For active duty U.S. military and dependents

Reservations **Campground Reservations**

877/444-6777 www.recreation.gov

Lodging Reservations 801/559-5000

www.yosemitepark.com

Regional Info

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) www.yarts.com

Highway 120 West Yosemite Chamber of Commerce 800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau 800/446-1333 www.tcvb.comHighway 41

Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau www.yosemitethisyear.com

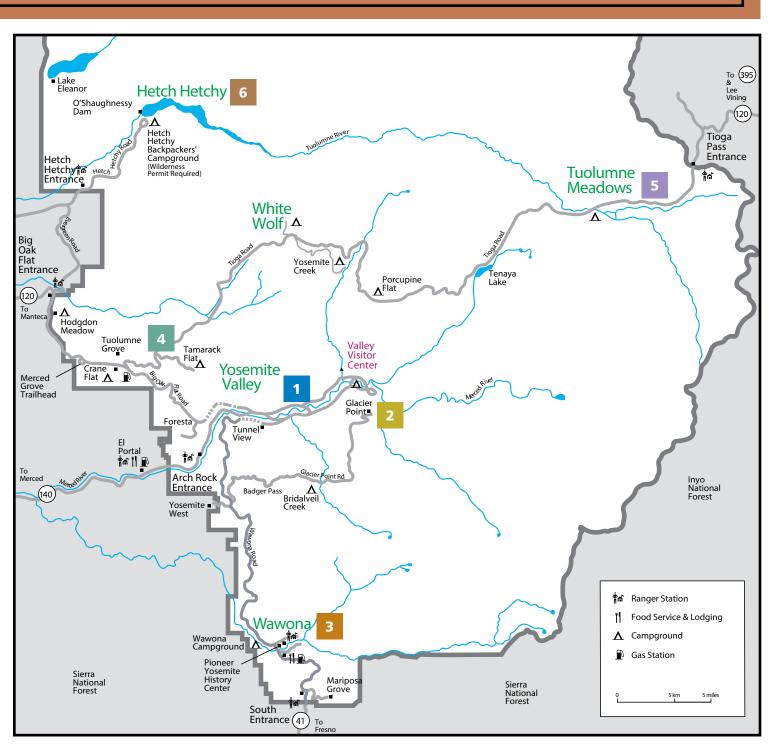
Highway 132/49 Coulterville Visitor Center 209/878-3329

Highway 140/49 Calif. Welcome Center, Merced 800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104 www.yosemite-gateway.org

Mariposa County Visitor Center 866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau 209/742-4567 www.homeofyosemite.com

Highway 120 East Lee Vining Chamber of **Commerce and Mono Lake** Visitor Center, 760/647-6629 www.leevining.com



Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley, open all year, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. You can get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, thunderous waterfalls, including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to trickle by August, a half-day hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, on horseback, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what's around the next corner.



Mirror Lake and Mount Watkins. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Glacier Point

Glacier Point provides a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite's high country. It is located 30 miles (one-hour drive) from both, Yosemite Valley and Wawona, taking the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turning onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating view, as you stand 3,214 feet above Yosemite Valley. *Starting July 6, a free shuttle service will run from Badger Pass to Glacier Point. The shuttle will be required when the Glacier Point parking lot is full; however, visitors with accessibility placards, valid wilderness permits for trailheads along Glacier Point Road, or camping at Bridalveil Creek Campground will be allowed to continue. The Glacier Point shuttle will begin running at 10am. The last shuttle from Glacier Point leaves at 5:30pm, and from Badger Pass at 4:30pm.

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's South Entrance. Starting July 6, 2015, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias will close for restoration. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. Enjoy a horse-drawn stage ride, watch blacksmiths at work at the blacksmith shop, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio, adjacent to the historic Wawona Hotel. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill.

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. It is usually open from late May or early June through sometime in November. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 to nearly 10,000 feet, so it offers an opportunity to experience many of Yosemite's habitats. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember: walking down is easier than walking back up.

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by high granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for information about hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the free shuttle service in Tuolumne Meadows or the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hikers' Bus from Yosemite Valley

Hetch Hetchy

Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no swimming is permitted, however. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7am to 9pm, May 1 through Labor Day, with reduced hours during the rest of the year. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1½-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.

DID YOU KNOW:

- Turning off the water while brushing your teeth can save three gallons of water per day.
- Everytime you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue, or other trash, you waste between 1.5 gallons of water with a low flow toilet and up to 7 gallons of water with an older model.
- Even a one or two minute reduction in the length of your shower can save up to 700 gallons of water per month.



View from Glacier Point. Photo by Christine White Lober



The Mariposa Grove Museum. Photo by Pam Meierding



hedral Peak. Photo by Christine White Loberg



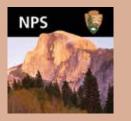
Bridge over the Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by John Sur



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Clarisa Flores

Want the Guide on your Apple or Android device?

Search **NPS-Yosemite** in app stores or at **nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit** to download the official park app for up-to-date listings of programs, services, an interactive map, and more!







iPhone/iPad

Android

Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley embraces one of the world's most outstanding concentrations of waterfalls, granite walls, meadows, wildflowers, and trees. The Valley also harbors a rich collection of human stories, from American Indian lore to the birth of the national park movement.

Yosemite Valley

An unlimited array of possibilities await you in Yosemite Valley. Most involve sightseeing and learning about the scenery. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on program topics and visitor services available.

Naturalist Programs

Naturalists give walks and talks about Yosemite's natural and cultural history every day. See pages 6 and 7 for scheduled walks, talks, and evening programs.

Walking and Hiking

From easy walks to Lower Yosemite Fall, Cook's Meadow, and Mirror Lake to strenuous hikes to the top of Yosemite Falls or Nevada Fall, Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. See page 17 for a list of hikes.

Bicycling

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village. Bikes are only permitted on paved bicycle paths.

Tours

Tours listed in the next column depart from Yosemite Lodge. Tours may be weather dependent.

The Valley Floor Tour is a 26-mile, • two-hour open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger (weather permitting). The tour departs Yosemite Lodge several times daily. Check Tour & Activity Desk for times. Be sure to ask about Twilight and Moonlight tram tours, too!

The Glacier Point Tour leaves Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 am, 10 am, and 1:30 pm daily when the Glacier Point Road is open. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike down from Glacier Point.

The Grand Tour includes the Valley, Glacier Point, and the Mariposa Grove. An experienced guide narrates each tour. The tour departs Yosemite Lodge at 8:45

Call 209/372-1240 for reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Village, Curry Village, and The Ahwahnee.

Mule & Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Stable hours are 7am to 5pm daily. for more Information call 209/372-8348 Reservations are strongly recommended.

Sightseeing

Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- Yosemite Falls gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it's flowing with spring runoff. You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top (see page 17).
- Half Dome, Yosemite's most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook's Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.
- El Capitan, a massive granite monolith, stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan.
- Happy Isles is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16 or by walking from Curry Village. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through outdoor and indoor exhibits detailing Yosemite's geologic story.
- Tunnel View, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of

Degnan's Loft

11am to 9pm Degnan's Delicatessen

Degnan's Cafe

Village Grill

Dining Room

Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm

Appropriate attire respectfully

Reservations strongly recommended for

dinner and Sunday Brunch. 209/372-1489 Ahwahnee Breakfast Bar

7am to 10:30am

The Ahwahnee Bar

11:30am to 11pm

Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm (Grab and Go only 8:30pm to 9pm)

Mountain Room Lounge

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday & Sunday

Noon to 11pm, food service until 10pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/372-1281 or 209/372-1403

Coffee Corner/Ice Cream

6am to 10pm - with ice cream service beginning

Curry Village Bar

Noon to 10pm **Pavilion**

Breakfast: 7am to 10am Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Noon to 10pm Meadow Grill

Happy Isles Snack Stand

11am to 7pm (weather permitting)

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Yosemite Art Center

9am to 4:30pm, closed for lunch at12pm **Yosemite Bookstore**

Inside Yosemite Visitor Center

Yosemite Museum Store

Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm Village Store

Habitat Yosemite

10am to 5pm

Sport Sh 9am to 6pm

The Ahwahnee Gift Shop

The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop 7am to 10pm

Gift/Grocery

Nature Shop 10am to 8pm

Mountain Shop 8am to 8pm

Yosemite Mountaineering School

8:30am to Noon and 1pm to 4:30pm

(weather permitting)

Curry Village Gift & Grocery
8am to 10pm

Exhibits and store, 9am to 5pm

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do



Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. The visitor center is west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite's landscape formed and how people interact with it.

YOSEMITE FILMS

Two films are shown daily, every half hour beginning at 9:30am (except on Sundays, when the first showing is at noon). The last film is at 4:30pm. "Ken Burns' Yosemite -A Gathering of Spirit" plays on the hour and "The Spirit of Yosemite" plays on the half hour. Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open 9am to 5pm. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM GALLERY Yosemite Viewed: 19th and 20th

Century Landscape Paintings

This exhibit features a selection of landscapes from the Yosemite Museum

collection ranging from Thomas Ayres' 1855 drawing to contemporary artwork by participants of the Yosemite Artistin-Residence program. Works by Albert Bierstadt, Thomas Moran, Chris Jorgensen, Chiura Obata, and others will be included. The Cosmopolitan Register, which includes signatures of prominent visiting artists, and the Cosmopolitan interactive, will be part of the display. Yosemite Museum Gallery, June 1 through September 30, open daily from 9am to 5pm; from October 1 through November 1, open daily from 10am to noon, and 1pm to 4pm.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

Open daily from 9am to 5pm. The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

Wilderness Center

Open 8am to 5pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village in between the post office and the Ansel Adams Gallery.

LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm, with evening programs Friday and Saturday evenings. Evening programs are scheduled for 8pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, a children's corner, and a new climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open daily from 9:30am to 5pm. Designed for nature-exploring children and their families, the nature center offers naturalhistory exhibits and a bookstore. The nature center is a short walk from shuttle

The Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9am to 6pm. The gallery offers the works of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. See page 6 for photo walk times. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

NEW EXHIBIT:

This summer, between June 29 and Aug 9, The Ansel Adams Gallery will host an exhibition titled "Set in Stone" celebrating the perennial grandeur of our solid earth. Imagery will showcase scenery from Yosemite and beyond, with work by Ted Orland, Charles Cramer, Vaughn Hutchins, Tom Mallonee, Bill Atkinson and Jeff Conley.

Yosemite Mountaineering School

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VALLEY SERVICES

8am to 5pm / 24 hour AAA towing available Propane service available until 4:30pm. 209/372-8320.

Main Office

Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm Saturday: 10am to noon

Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

Village Store Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pn Degnan's Deli

7am to 6pm **Tour Desk - Village Store**

7:30am to 3pm

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Bicycles Rentals 8:30am to 8pm

Last bike goes out at 6:45pm **Tour Desk**

7:30am to 7pm

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm Bicycle Rentals

8:30am to 8pm

Last bike goes out at 6:45pm. Raft Rentals

10am to 4pm - Last raft goes out at 4pm. Weather and river conditions permitting.

Stables

Reservations highly recommended.

209/372-8348

Tour Desk 7:30am to 3pm

Gift/Grocery 8am to 7pm

Housekeeping Camp

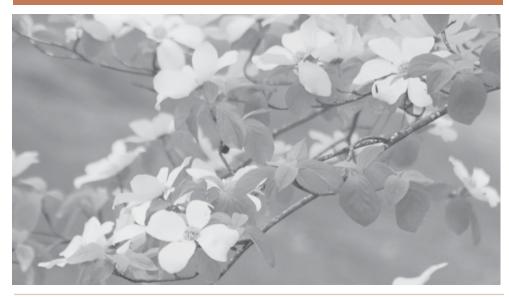
Showers - 7am to 10pm Laundry - 8am to 10pm

Curry Village

Showers open 24 hours Internet Kiosks Degnan's Deli - 7am to 6pm

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

June 24, 2015 - July 28, 2015



Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing the wonders of Yosemite through our Outdoor Adventures. From backpacking to basket-weaving to bird-watching, our wide range of programs offers something for every Yosemite adventurer.

June 27: Clouds Rest Day Hike: Yosemite's Best Panoramas Mountain Wildflowers for the Relaxed Botanist July 10-12: July 18-19: Relaxed Birding: Tuolumne Meadows

July 23-26: High Country Campout for Grown-ups: Tuolumne Meadows July 25-26: Yosemite's Alpine Ecology: In the Spirit of Sharsmith Advanced Backpack: Majesties of the Clark Range July 26-Aug 1:

Find detailed information about these programs and register at yosemiteconservancy.org/outdoor-adventures or call 209/379-2317 x10. Camping and park entry are included; additional lodging options are available. stom Adventures can also be arranged for individuals, families and groups. Proceeds support Yosemite Conservancy's work in the park, preserving and protecting Yosemite for generations to come

Yosemite Theater (YC)

Yosemite Theater offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live performances. Revel as park ranger Shelton Johnson and other performers bring the park's adventures to life! All shows start at 7pm. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$4 children, available at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Bookstore.

Sundays (May 3-Sept 27) Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1903. Learn how the Buffalo Soldiers protected our first national parks in this film and presentation with ranger Shelton Johnson

Mondays (May 4-Oct 5) Yosemite Search and Rescue. Join veteran Yosemite Search and Rescue ranger John Dill for lively stories about emergency response missions in Yosemite National Park.

Tuesdays (June 30-Oct 6) Creative Fusion: Exploring the Nature of the Sierra Nevada. Enjoy an interactive family show with park ranger Erik Westerlund, who uses art to take the audience on a fun exploration of the nature and science of the Sierra Nevada.

Wednesdays (June 24-Aug 26) Yosemite Nature Notes: Filmmaking on the Edge. Find out how cinematographer Steve Bumgardner crafts films for the popular Yosemite Nature Notes series, shot in some of the most beautiful locations on earth

Thursdays & Fridays (June 25-Aug 28) Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey. See the beauty of Yosemite in this stirring film, which is followed by a discussion with renowned rock-climber Ron Kauk.

Saturdays (June 27-Aug 29, except July 4) Yosemite by Song and Story. Bring the whole family for a fun, interactive evening filled with stories and songs about Yosemite performed by local musician and teacher Gail

Yosemite Art Center Workshops (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to join one of our celebrated artists for a hands-on art experience in Yosemite Valley. Art workshops are held outside (weather and media permitting) Monday through Saturday, starting at 9:45am and ending at 2pm.

Playful Acrylic Landscape with Byron Spicer June 22-27: June 29-July 4: Watercolor: Fun and Loose with Patricia Osborne July 6-11: Ease of Pastel for Landscape with Tsungwei Moo July 13-18: Fun with Watercolor with David Deyell July 20-25: Keeping it Light: Watercolor with Dan Tilstra

July 27-Aug 1: Capturing the Splendor of Yosemite in Sepia with Bill Bartelt

All workshops meet at the Yosemite Art Center, located next to the Village Store in Yosemite Village. The registration fee is \$10 per participant per day, and art supplies are available for purchase. Find detailed information at yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sundays 9:15am (Sunday School available)

11am (Memorial Day-Labor Day ONLY, no Sunday

6:30pm Sunday Evening Service/Bible Study Women's and Men's Bible Studies, Tuesday 7:00 P.M. call chapel for location, Thursday Midweek Service 7:00pm Various Bible Studies during the week call for times and locations. 209-372-4831, Pastor Brent Moore Resident Minister

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Saturday, 6pm, Lower Pines Amphitheater, Shuttle Bus stop #19 Sunday, 10am at Valley Visitor Center Auditorium,

209/372-4729 **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am Info: 209/379-2100

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Christian Sabbath Worship at Lower River Amphitheater, Saturday May 23-Sept 5 (No Service July 18) 9:45am Music/Sabbath School 11am Worship, 12:30pm Potluck www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Sacrament Meeting, Sundays 1PM-1:45PM May 24th to Labor Day, Yosemite Valley Chapel

A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS 9am Sunday at Lower Pines, Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows campgrounds.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

7:30pm Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday DN General Office Bldg. Yosemite Village.

LIONS CLUB

First and third Thursday of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-1464.

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Sunday		Curry Village Amphitheater. (DN) 👆
	9:30am	Adventure Hike-Vernal/ Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour
		desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School. (DN) \$
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle
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Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and 9:00am meet at the Ahwahnee Hotel. (TAAG) & 9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr.

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11:00am CHILDREN'S ART PROGRAM 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center, ages 6-9. (YC) \$

Adventure Hike- Panorama Trail with one-way Glacier Point Bus ride. 8 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DN) \$

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Clouds Rest Day Hike: Yosemite's Best Panoramas (June 27 only) 8 hrs. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 x10. (YC) \$

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American Alpine Club Delaware North at Yosemite, Inc.

Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) &

NPS National Park Service SC Sierra Club

9:30am

day

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TAAG The Ansel Adams Gallery YAC **Yosemite Art Center** YC Yosemite Conservancy

YMS **Yosemite Mountaineering** School

Programs offered for a fee

Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.

A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-ofhearing visitors. Contact 209/372-4726 (TTY) or 209/ 379-1035 to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 2 days is requested.



Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	12:30pm Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for use of telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS) . 1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) . 1:30pm Beginner Art Workshop 2.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. (YC) \$ JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stops #5/9. (NPS) . 2:30pm GREAT YOSEMITE FAMILY ADVENTURE (except July 12 & 26) 2.5 hrs. Family guided treasur hunt with GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DN) \$ 3:00pm 3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except June 28) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stops #5/9. (NPS) . 3:30pm CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DN) . Meet Your Yosemite (except June 28) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stops #5/9. (NPS) .	
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Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



Horse -drawn stage rides with Burrel "Buckshot" Maier NPS Photo

Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona

Coffee with a Ranger

Grab your mug and join a ranger in the Wawona Campground Amphitheater for coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Use this time to plan your day or to get other questions answered. See page 9 for times.

Evening Programs

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano fordates and times.

Ranger Evening Programs

Join a ranger for an hour of nature, history, and insight into Yosemite. Topics vary nightly. See page 9 for times and locations

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's

Open 8:30am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities. wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

Mule and Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the Wawona stable. Stable hours are 7am to 5pm, conditions permitting. Two-hour rides are

offered throughout the day. Reservations are highly recommended and can be made by calling 209/372-6502.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite's history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available.

Experience Horse-Drawn Travel

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Tickets may be purchased at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations. \$5/adults and \$4/child (ages 3-12)

Blacksmith Shop

Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations.

Old-Fashioned Fourth of July!

You are cordially invited to join the staff of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center for an old fashioned 4th of July celebration! Activities will include a parade, speeches and games, such as gunny sack races, threelegged races, an egg toss and tug-of-war. A fun time will be enjoyed by people of all ages. This celebration takes place at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center on July 4th between 2pm and 4pm

Mariposa Grove

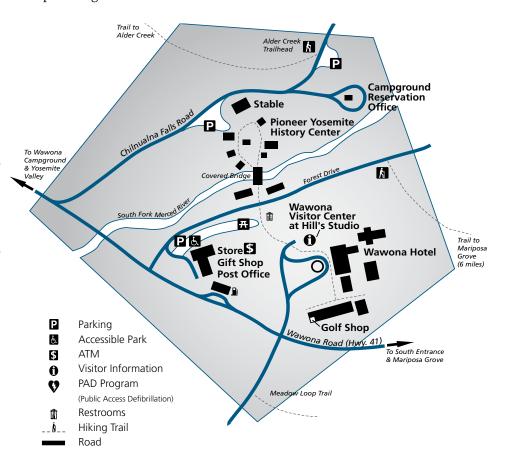
Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, allow 11/2 hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The access road to the grove may close intermittently due to limited parking. Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet are not permitted on this road. Starting July 6, 2015, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias will close for restoration.

Walking through the Grove

Trails into the grove extend uphill from the trailhead at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

Free Mariposa Grove to Wawona Shuttle

A shuttle stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate beginning at 9am, the last shuttle leaves the grove at 6pm. The last day of scheduled shuttle service from Wawona is July 5, 2015. Please use this free bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.





Geology Hut. Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library

Glacier Point

Evening Programs

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow (or moonrise) on the Sierra high country. Stargazing programs are offered, as well. Details at right.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Wawona

Wawona Hotel Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm Lounge Service 5pm to 9:30pm Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm Reservations taken for six or more at 209/375-1425 Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm Fourth of July BBQ: 5pm to 7pm

Golf Shop & Snack Stand 8am to 6pm (weather and conditions permitting)

Snack Stand10am to 5pm, conditions permitting

GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop 8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

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Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop 8am to 8pm

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio (Information and Books) 8:30am to 5pm

Glacier Point
Gift Shop

9am to 6pm

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office

Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to noon

GAS STATION

Wawona Gas Statio

8am to 6pm - Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

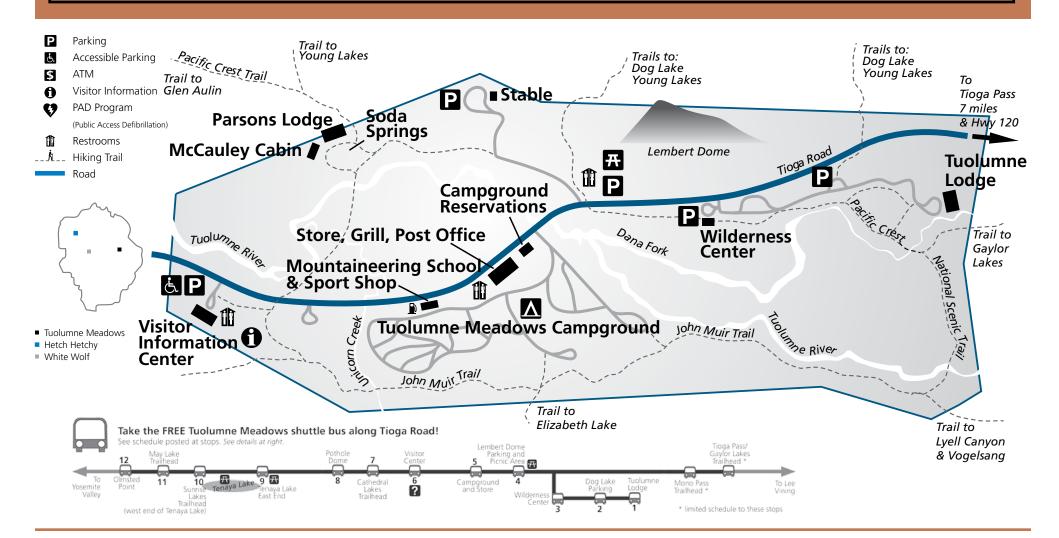
GOLF

Wawona Hotel Golf Course

8am to 6pm, weather and conditions permitting. Nine-hole, par-35 course.

	\	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	Gl	LACIER POINT
		Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 28 & July 5 only) 1½ hrs. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead. (NPS) – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$	2:00pm	Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS)
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	8:00pm	Campfire Talk (July 12, 19 & 26 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) & Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 29 only) 1.5 hrs. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead	7:45pm 2:00pm	Sunset Ranger Talk 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) Ranger Walk—Cliffs and
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Tuesday	6:30pm 8:00pm	Evening Ranger Program 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499. (NPS) & Campfire Talk (July 7, 14, 21 & 28 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) &	7:00pm	parking area. (NPS) GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DN) \$ &.
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Friday	10:00am 2:00pm	Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 26 & July 3 only) 1.5 hrs. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead. (NPS) Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 26 & July 3 only) 1.5 hrs. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead. (NPS)	7:45pm 8:30pm	Sunset Ranger Talk 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) Stars Over Yosemite (except
	5:30pm 8:00pm	Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/ singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge. (DN) & Campfire Talk (July 10, 17 & 24 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary	·	July 3) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)
	8:00am	nightly. (NPS) & Coffee with a Ranger (Hot Cocoa too!) ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &	10:00am	Wildflowers and Historic People - Walk to McGurk
	9:00am 9:00am	Nature Walk with a Ranger 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call 855/290-3499. (NPS) JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 1.5 hrs. Especially for ages 7-12. Meet at Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS)	7:45pm	Meadow 2 hrs. Meet at phone booth in Bridalveil Campground. (NPS) Sunset Ranger Talk 30 mins.
	10:00am	- 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (10:00am to Noon on July 4 only) 10 min each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ Visit Yosemite's Past (July 4 only) 2 hrs. Yosemite's history comes to life at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) &	8:30pm	Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) Stars Over Yosemite (except July 4) Glacier Point amphitheater.
Saturday	10:00am	- 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) & Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 27 & July 4 only) 1.5 hrs. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead. (NPS)		Canceled if overcast. (NPS)
	2:00pm 2:00pm	Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 27 & July 4 only) 1.5 hrs. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead. (NPS) Old-Fashioned Fourth-of-July Celebration (July 4 only) 2 hrs. Speeches, games, races, & fun! Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)		
	5:30pm 8:00pm	Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/ singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge. (DN) & Campfire Talk (July 11, 18 & 25 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary		
		nightly. (NPS) &		

Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



Tuolumne Meadows

- Please walk on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.
- Pets, bicycles, and strollers are only allowed on roads open to vehicles.
- Day-hikers and backpackers must go to the bathroom at least 100 feet away from water, trail, and camp areas; bury human waste six inches deep; pack out toilet paper and all other trash.

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Open 9am to 6pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays

Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus

The free shuttle departs from Yosemite Valley three times a day starting from Curry Village at 7:45am, 8:45am and 1:30pm, and from Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center at 10:15am, 1:15pm and 7pm. Visit a Tours and Activity desk for schedule details.

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a two-hour ranger-led program for children (ages 7-12), and Campfire for Kids.

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

Two trails, both flat and 3/4-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge is open 10am to 4pm. Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, history, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks range from one to eight hours and, except for the long walks, are fairly easy.

Evening Activities

Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs, and insight into Yosemite. Program topics posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star program—bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly.

Mule and Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows stable. Stable hours are 7:30am to 5pm, conditions permitting. Reservation are highly recommended and can be made by calling 209/372-8427.

Wilderness Center

Open 8am to 5pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, across from shuttle stop #3.

Parsons Memorial Summer Series

Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.

Saturday, July 11

2pm to 3:30pm

Creative Fusion: Exploring the Art & Science of Charley Harper's The Sierra Range Poster

Illustrated talk and discussion with Erik Westerlund, ranger naturalist, Yosemite National Park

7:30pm to 8:30pm

Snowblind: Stories of Alpine Obsession Talk and reading by Daniel Arnold, author and climber.

Sunday, July 12

2pm to 3pm

Back from the Brink: Peregrines, Foxes, and Bighorn Sheep

Illustrated talk by Sarah Stock, wildlife biologist, Yosemite National Park.

Saturday, July 18

2pm to 3:30pm

The Glass Cage: How Our Devices

Diminish Us

Illustrated talk and discussion with Nicholas Carr, best-selling author of The Glass Cage and The Shallows.

Sunday, July 19

2pm to 3:30pm

Vocal River

Songs and stories by Rhiannon, singer and performance artist, with guitarist Shelley Doty.

High Sierra Natural History Celebration Weekend

Saturday, July 25

2pm to 3:30pm

Mushrooms and Mushroom Hunting: Natives, Immigrants, and Aliens in the Post-Industrial World

Illustrated talk and discussion with David Arora, mycologist, ethnomycologist, and field guide author.

Sunday, July 26

2pm to 3:30pm

Bee Time: Lessons from the Hive Illustrated talk and discussion with Mark L. Winston, professor and senior fellow, Simon Fraser University's Centre for Dialogue.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 8am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

Tuolumne Grove

The trailhead for this grove of approximately 25 sequoias is near theintersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads at Crane Flat. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.

Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It's a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you. The grove is located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows Grill

8am to 5pm

Tuolumne Meadows Lodge

Dining Room Breakfast: 7am to 9am

Reservations recommended Dinner: 5:45pm to 8pm

Reservations Strongly Recommended 209/372-8413

Closed for 2015 due to building renovation.

GROCERIES

Store

8am to 8pm

Store

8am to 8pm 24 Hour Pay at the Pump available

GIFTS & APPAREL

Mountaineering School and Sport Shop

9am to 5pm, open 8:30am to 6pm beginning June 29.

Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore

Inside the Visitor Center 9am to 6pm

Tuolumne Meadows Store

8am to 8pm

POST OFFICE

Post Office

Monday – Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 1pm

GAS STATIONS

9am to 6pm - gas and propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

8am to 8pm Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Shuttle service scheduled to begin May 22, conditions permitting.

See map, page 10. Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Service begins when conditions permit.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Meadows Campground and the visitor center. The shuttle also makes morning and afternoon runs to Tioga Pass

Service begins at the Lodge at 7am. Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7am and 7pm. Stop times posted at bus stops.

	TUOLU	MNE MEADOWS		OON MEADOW, CRANE FLAT, WHITE AND HETCH HETCHY
Sunday	10:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 2:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm	Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) Ranger Walk - Sketching in Tuolumne 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring sunglasses, sketchbook/journal, pen, and pencil with an eraser. (NPS) Ranger Hike - Lembert Dome 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS) Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) Ranger Walk - Indians in the High Country (June 28 & July 5 only) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) Parsons Summer Series Program (starting July 12) 1-2 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS) Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	8:00am 9:00am 7:00pm 9:00pm	Birds and Burns 1.5hr. Meet at Merced Grove parking lot (NPS) Ranger on the Dam 2hr. (drop in) Meet on the O'Shaugnessy dam (NPS) Twilight Stroll 1hr. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadows campfire circle (NPS) Stars over White Wolf 1hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS)
Monday	12:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 8:00pm 8:30pm	Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows (except June 29) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 29) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) & Ranger Walk - From Bears to Butterflies: High Country Wildlife (except June 29) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 29) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) & Campfire (except June 29) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) Stars over Mono Lake (except June 29) 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) &	8:00am 1:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Bird Walk 1hr. Meet at Hodgdon Meadows campfire circle (NPS) Ranger in the Grove 2hr. (drop in) in the Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias (NPS) The Black Bears of Yosemite 1hr. meet at the Crane Flat campground entrance kiosk (NPS) Twilight Stroll 1hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS) Bats 1.5 hrs. Accompany a naturalist ranger to c collect baseline bat data in Hodgdon Meadows. It is required to sign up in advance on the Hodgdon campground kiosk or call 209/379-1899. (NPS)
Tuesday	June 30 July 7: P July 14: July 21: July 28: 12:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 7:00pm	Botanical Walk 2 hrs. (NPS) Soda Springs Meet at Lembert Dome picnic area. Othole Dome Meet at Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. Bennettville Meet at junction of Saddlebag Lake Road and Tioga Pass Road. Ellery Lake Meet at dam on east end of Ellery Lake outside Tioga Pass. Dana Gardens Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road. Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) & Ranger Walk - Sunset 45 mins. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:00am 2:00pm 9:00pm	Bears and other Wildlife 1.5hr. Meet at White Wolf campfire circle (NPS) Ranger on the Dam 2hr (drop in) Meet on the O'Shaugnessy dam (NPS) Stars Program 2hr. Sign up required. Call 209/379-1899. (NPS)
Wednesday	8:00am 8:00am 10:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 1:30pm 3:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Ranger Walk - Birds (except June 24) 2.5 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) Run with a Ranger (except June 24 & July 1) 1.5 hrs. Strenuous. 4 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring water and appropriate footwear. (NPS) Coffee with a Ranger (except June 24) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS (except June 24) 50 mins. Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) Ranger Walk - Geology of Tuolumne Meadows (except June 24) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 24) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) Ranger Walk - The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River (except June 24) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 24) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (except June 24) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) Campfire (except June 24) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) Ranger Talk — Stars (except June 24) 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	9:00am 2:00pm 8:00pm 9:00pm	Geology walk 1hr. Meet in front of White Wolf Lodge (NPS) Ranger in the Grove 2hr (drop in) in the Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias (NPS) Bats (except July 17) 1.5 hrs. Assist a naturalist ranger in collecting baseline bat data in Crane Flat. Advance sign up is required. Call 209/379-1899. (NPS) Night Prowl 1hr. Advance sign up required, sign up on the White Wolf campground information board or call 209/379-1899. (NPS)
Thursday	11:00am 12:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 8:00pm	Ranger Walk - A Place Long Traveled: History of Tuolumne Meadows (except June 25) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6 (NPS) Ranger Hike - Tenaya Lake to Olmsted Point (except June 25 & July 2) 4 hrs. Easy. 3 miles. East end of Tenaya Lake, shuttle stop #9. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 25) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) & Ranger Walk - Lake Exploration (except June 25) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 25) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) & Campfire (except June 25) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	7:00pm 8:00pm 8:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1hr. Meet at White Wolf Campfire circle. (NPS) Campfire Program 1hr. Meet at the Crane Flat campground amphitheater (NPS) Bats 1.5 hrs. Accompany a naturalist ranger to collect baseline bat data in White Wolf. Advance sign up required. Sign up on the White Wolf campground information board or call 209/379-1899. (NPS)
Friday	10:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 6:30pm 8:00pm	Coffee with a Ranger (except June 26) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except June 26) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. (NPS) Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows (except June 26) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 26) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) Ranger Walk—Wildflowers (except June 26) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 26) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) Ranger Talk - Music and Mountains (except June 26) 1 hr. 15 mins. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) Campfire (except June 26) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	10:00am 8:00pm 8:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1hr. Meet at the White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS) Campfire Program 1hr. Meet at the White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS) Campfire Program 1hr. Meet at the Crane Flat campground amphitheater (NPS)
Saturday	7:30am 9:15am 10:00am 12:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm 9:30pm	Ranger Walk - Birds (July 25 only) 4 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) Ranger Walk - Birds (except July 25) 2.5 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) Ranger Hike - Mono Pass (July 4 only) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except June 27) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12 Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) Parsons Summer Series Program (starting July 11) 1-2 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS) Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (July 4 and 18 only) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) Parsons Summer Series Program (July 11 only) 1 hr. See details on preceding page. (NPS) Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) Ranger Talk - Stars (except June 27) 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	9:00am 11:00am 2:00pm 8:00pm 8:00pm	Wildflower Walk 1.5hr. Meet in front of White Wolf Lodge (NPS) Special citizen science opportunity Dragon fly citizen science project. (July 18 only) 4hrs. be prepared to walk to Luken's Lake. Meet in front of White Wolf Lodge. Ranger on the Dam 2hr (drop in) Meet on the O'Shaugnessy dam (NPS) Campfire Program 1hr. Meet at the Crane Flat campground amphitheater (NPS) Campfire Program 1hr. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadows campfire circle (NPS) Campfire Program 1hr. Meet at the White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)

Become a Junior Ranger

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

Yosemite National Park offers a wide variety of wide variety of programs and activities for kids of all ages! To find kid-friendly programs, see pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 of the Guide for program descriptions:

Programs printed in **ALL CAPS & COLOR** are especially for Children and their Families

Be a naturalist. Look for these common Yosemite wild animals. If you see one, make a note by the animal's picture below. If you don't see any of these wild animals during your visit, choose one you did see and draw it in the box on this page. Where did you see it? What was it doing? Also, remember never to feed or approach an animal.



Coyote



Black bear



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Finished this page and have your Jr. Ranger badge? Ready for more Jr. Ranger activities? Drop by a visitor center desk and pick up the free PSAR Junior Ranger booklet or Legacy Jr. Ranger page to earn special patches!

1. With an adult, pick a trail to walk. See page 17 of this Guide or stop by a visitor center to choose your trail. As you go, walk quietly, watch, listen, and think. Write the name of the trail you walked.		
2. Explore with your senses! Record	the following.	
l see:	I hear:	
I smell:	I touch:	
3. Leave no Trace! If you see trash or rubbish, pick it up. Junior Rangers learn		

to be good park stewards by bringing in a bag of trash. Recycle any recyclable
materials you pick up or bring along.

4. Ask a Ranger! What President signed the Yosemite Grant Act on June
30, 1864, setting aside Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove for special
protection?

5. Learn more. Go to a ranger-led program or visit with an Indian
Cultural Demonstrator. What program did you attend? Have the ranger or
demonstrator sign below.

Signed by: _

6. Write down something you learned from a ranger or Indian

Cultural Demonstrator.
7. Think about this. Why do people work to protect national parks?

8. When you complete this page, take it to a visitor center. There you will take your oath and receive your Junior Ranger badge.

> *Expanded Junior Ranger and Little Cub programs (and the chance to earn a patch) are available in the Junior Ranger or Little Cub Handbooks, which can be purchased at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore.

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Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Black bear "logging in." Photo by Karen Amstutz

Keep Wildlife Wild!

Black bears, coyote, deer, and grey squirrels are just a few of the many animal species in the park that are active year round. Learn how to help protect Yosemite's wildlife.

Store Your Food Properly.

4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, berries, acorns, and grubs-that's the typical daily diet of most bears. It's a lot easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling at grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can't, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and can see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

If you see a bear, scare it away or keep your distance.

You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away: Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear.

If you see a bear anywhere else, consider Save Your Food, Save A Bear yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people.

Bears that become comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

Drive the speed limit.

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths.

Red Bear, Dead Bear

Did you notice the red bear markers as you drove through the park? Each of them mark a place where a bear was recently hit. Every year bears, hundreds of deer, and countless other animals are killed while trying to cross park roads. Many of these deaths could have been avoided if drivers observed posted speed limits.

Please remember that Yosemite National Park is a wildlife preserve: by driving the speed limit you are helping to protect the park and its wildlife.

Backpackers:

Bear resistant food canisters are 2.7-pound least 50 yards, or about the distance made containers that can be used to store five to frequent roadsides to beg for food, or more days of backpacker food when meals are carefully planned. Canisters have an inset lid that bears are unable to

open. When used correctly, bears learn that—although they smell like food—the canisters are not worth investigating.

Report Bear Sightings!

To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website (www.nps.gov/ yose/bears).

Coyotes

Watching a coyote hunting for mice in one of Yosemite's many meadows can be an amazing wildlife experience. Coyotes are opportunistic carnivores that primarily prey on small mammals. Like bears, their diets change throughout the year with food availability.

Unfortunately, coyotes sometimes change their natural behavior to try to obtain human food. Approaching, and/or feeding coyotes can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans. Please do not stop to feed coyotes that you see along the sides of the roads. This encourages them endangering both coyotes and drivers.

Mountain Lions

Mountain lions are a normal and important part of the park ecosystem. They are attracted to areas with healthy deer and raccoon populations, which include many areas of the park. Although lion attacks on humans are extremely rare, they are possible, just as is injury

For your safety:

from any wild animal.

Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended. Pets can attract mountain lions.

Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Teach children what to do if they see a lion.

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

Don't run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up.

If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout, and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you may be dangerous. If attacked, fight back!

Mountain lions are magnificent creatures and native to Yosemite. Generally, they are calm, quiet, and elusive. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged!

KEEP WILDLIFE WILD Respect animals at a distance Never feed or approach them

How to Store Food

"Food" includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This may include items that you do not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed items used for preparing or eating meals.

LOCATION	FOOD STORAGE	WHY?
Your Vehicle	You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats. Never leave unattended food strapped to the outside of a vehicle or in a pickup truck bed.	Bears can smell food, even if it's sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!
Your Campsite Or Tent Cabin You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent Or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed.		Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they're secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.
Picnic Areas & Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm's reach. Don't turn your back to your food.		Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.
Backpacking in the Wilderness Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.		In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.

Protect Yourself...



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AROUND WATER

Every year unsuspecting people drown or are swept over waterfalls to their death. Reasons people end up in or too close to the water include:

- •Wading (or swimming) in water with unseen hazards including strong hidden currents and slippery rocks.
- •Refilling drinking water.
- Getting a better photograph or posing for a picture.
- •The simple attraction to water. Dry rocks near the river are highly polished causing falls into the water. Mountain water is very cold with strong currents and even expert swimmers are no match for it. Persons who have fallen victim to Yosemite's waters all shared common mistakes:
- •They wandered off the trail.
- •They ignored hazards.
- •They never thought disaster would happen to them.

The good news: water tragedies are very preventable; stay on the trail and away from water. Keep children from wandering near these natural hazards. Bring plenty of water so that you will not need to draw more water during your hike. Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.

DRINKING WATER

California is in a serious drought. Natural water sources you might have used in the past may be dried up by early summer. Avoid dehydration by carrying plenty of extra water. Dehydration can be a serious condition but even in its earliest stages dehydration can reduce performance making you more vulnerable to injuries. Mild thirst and dry lips are early signs of dehydration and is a warning to start sipping water more frequently. Again, carry plenty of extra water so that rationing will not become necessary. No matter how clear mountain water appears, it can contain parasites or hidden contaminants that make you very ill. To protect yourself from disease, treat water before drinking by boiling for five minutes, using a Giardia-rated water filter, or iodine-based purifier. To prevent the spread of water-borne disease, use restroom facilities where available, and always wash hands afterwards with soap and water. Where facilities are not

available, wash, camp, and bury human waste at least 100 feet away from any water source or trail, burying human waste six inches deep, and pack out any toilet paper.

AVOID HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia often happens in above freezing temperatures and it can still be a threat as temperatures drop at night. Hypothermia is preventable with a little preparation:

- Wear synthetic or wool next to your skin. Cotton absorbs sweat and precipitation and should be avoided.
- · Layer your clothing so that you can add or shed layers as your comfort dictates.
- · Know symptoms of hypothermia and first aid to treat it.
- Bring a dry shirt to put on for the way down.
- Take high energy food.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

When traveling on park roads you can protect yourself, other visitors, and park wildlife by obeying posted speed limits. Yosemite's roads are used by both visitors and park wildlife. Use turnouts to pull completely off the road to take photos, consult the park map, or simply enjoy the park's scenery and wildlife.

HIKING, BACKPACKING, AND ROCK **CLIMBING**

- Some reminders before you hit the trails. •Tell someone your plan and when you intend to return.
- Carry a map and compass and know where you are at all times, with a planned route.
- •Altitude sickness can develop at elevations as low as 8,000 feet. Descend to a lower elevation should it develop.
- Check the latest weather forecast and prepare for changes.
- •Bring a headlamp or flashlight and a warm clothing layer in case you need to stay on the trail more than expected.
- Admire wildlife from a distance to prevent injury to you or animals.

STAY ON TRAILS

Many accidents occur because visitors leave the trail. Off trail travel can be extremely dangerous, especially near waterways where rocks are polished. Scrambling on boulders, wading across streams or rivers, and traveling beyond railings or other barriers may put you one slip away from a fatal accident. Avoid shortcuts. Visitors commonly get "ledged out" after cutting across trails.

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside of buildings or other enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, please tell the housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your accommodations. Do not clean up the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and do not bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container. If you are camping and backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS often begins with flu-like symptoms such as aches, fever, and chills one to seven weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty in breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms and mention any potential rodent exposures to your physician. For more information on hantavirus and other environmental safety hazards visit: http://www.nps.gov/yose/ planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm

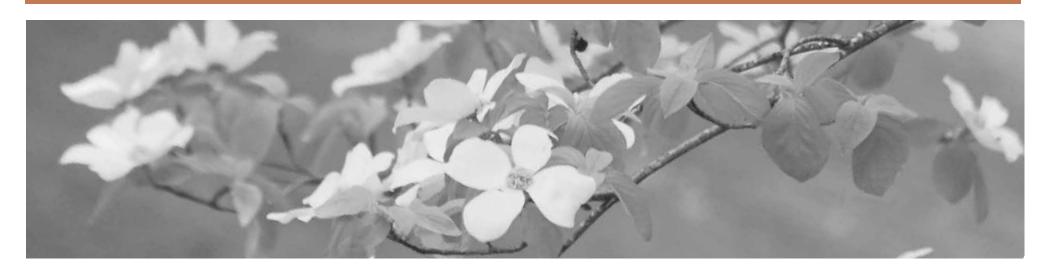
AVOID CONTACT WITH WILDLIFE AND KEEP FOOD AND TRASH STORED PROPERLY.

Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit numerous diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. Keeping your distance and your food from wildlife not only protects them, it also protects you from injury and exposure to diseases. If you encounter a mammal, particularly a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat, that is behaving erratically, don't touch the animal. Instead, report the sick animal to a park employee. In addition to keeping bears away, storing your food properly also reduces your exposure to rodents and their fleas, which may carry plague. and their fleas, which may carry plague.



...and Yosemite's Wild Places

Protecting park resources



Protecting Yourself and the Park

Prepare yourself for a wild experience. Yosemite is a place where natural forces—such as rockfall, fire, and flood—are constantly at work. Here, wildlife freely roams. This is a place where wilderness prevails. The National Park Service recognizes the importance of Yosemite's Wilderness and natural processes and is bound by its mission to protect them for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. While you are enjoying your visit, be attentive to the special permit requirements and regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

Wilderness Permit Details

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center, the Big Oak Flat Information Center, Hill's Studio in Wawona, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Check the website at www. nps.gov/yose/ planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm or call the park's main phone line at 209/372-0200, for additional information. 60% of the trailhead quota is available in advance. Reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Check the park's website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740. 40% of the trailhead quota is available for first come first serve. First come first serve permits are available the day of at opening and the day before starting at 11am.

Permit Required to Hike Half Dome

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2015, May 22 through October 12, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2015. In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates (exact number may change throughout the summer). Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 1 pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit.

More information is available at: http:// www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/ hdpermits.htm. For backpackers more information is available at: http://www. nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10 am to 6 pm daily to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device.

- •The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher. Ask at a visitor center for conditions and obey all posted signs.
- •You must wear or have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device immediately available.
- •Fallen trees and other natural debris in the river create important habitat for fish and other wildlife. Be alert—they can also create hazards for rafters.

Fishing

Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport-fishing license is required for those persons age 16 years and older. When fishing, the license must be plainly visible by attaching it to an outer layer of clothing above the waistline.

•Trout season runs through November 15 (except Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, which opens June 15).

- •Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.
- •The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

Pets

Keep in mind, daytime temperatures can reach above 100 ° Farenheit in the summer. Make sure to keep your pet cool and well-hydrated. In Yosemite, pet owners have a few rules to follow:

- Pets are only allowed in developed areas and on roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves. They are not allowed on trails, in wilderness areas, or where signs are posted prohibiting them.
- Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
- For the courtesy of others, human companions are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash receptacles.
- •Pets are not allowed in any lodging facilities or other buildings within the park and are not allowed in some campgrounds.
- •Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended.

Bicycling

Each season, plants are crushed from bicycle travel in meadows, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Please respect park resources and keep bicycles on paved roads and paved bicycle trails. Bikes are not allowed to travel off paved trails. Mountain biking opportunities are available in designated areas outside of Yosemite.

Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. With nearly 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how wellprotected these park resources could be!

During your visit to Yosemite be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- **Hunting animals**
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities
- Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana
- Operating an unmanned aircraft system ("drone")

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/ yoursafety.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent's Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.

Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

General Info...

To check same-day camping availability, call 209/372-0266

Services

- · All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33"d x 45"w x 18"h). See page 5 for food storage regulations.
- Toilets are available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat have nonflushing vault toilets only and no potable water.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- RVs over 24 feet are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds, and RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campsites. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Campfires

- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.

An adventurous overnight experience

Yosemite National Park contains 13 popular campgrounds. Up to seven are on a reservation system, the rest are first-come, first-served. From April through September, reservations are essential and the first-come, first-served sites often fill by noon during these months.

Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through November for campsites in Yosemite Valley's car campgrounds and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

ARRIVAL DATE	FIRST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS (7 AM PT)
Dec. 15 – Jan. 14	Aug. 15
Jan. 15 – Feb. 14	Sept. 15
Feb. 15 – Mar. 14	Oct. 15
Mar. 15 – Apr. 14	Nov. 15
Apr. 15 – May 14	Dec. 15
May 15 – Jun. 14	Jan. 15
Jun. 15 – Jul. 14	Feb. 15
Jul. 15 – Aug. 14	Mar. 15
Aug. 15 – Sep. 14	Apr. 15
Sep. 15 – Oct. 14	May 15
Oct. 15 – Nov. 14	Jun. 15
Nov. 15 – Dec. 14	Jul. 15

For campground reservations, visit www. recreation.gov (recommended) or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 or 518/885-3639 from outside the US and Canada.

Hours:

7 am to 7 pm Pacific time (November through February) 7 am to 9 pm Pacific time (March through October)

Reservation offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Curry Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

Yosemite Valley

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in a calendar year; however, May 1 to September 15, the camping limit is 14 days and only seven of those days can be in Yosemite Valley or Wawona.

Camp 4 is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campsites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a perperson basis, and six people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9 am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite. For additional information, contact Groveland Ranger Station at 209/962-7825; Mariposa Ranger Station at 209/966-3638; Mono Lake Ranger Station at 760/647-3044; or Oakhurst Ranger Station at 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 10.

Group Campgrounds

There are group campsites at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made the same way as individual site reservations; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group



Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park*

CAMPGROUND	OPEN 2015 (APPROX)	MAX RV LENGTH	MAX TRAILER LENGTH	RESERVATIONS REQUIRED?	DAILY FEE	# OF SITES	PETS	WATER
YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Upper Pines	All year	35 ft	24 ft	Mar 23- Nov 30	\$26	238	Yes	Тар
Lower Pines	Apr 6- Nov 2	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	60	Yes	Тар
North Pines	Mar 30 - Nov 2	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	81	Yes	Тар
Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers	n/a	First-come, first-served	\$6/pers.	35	No	Тар
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	Apr 13- Oct 13	\$26	93	Yes	Тар
Bridalveil Creek	Jun 12 - Sep 21	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	110	Yes	Тар
NORTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Hodgdon Meadow	All year	40 ft	30 ft	Apr 13 – Oct 13	\$26	105	Yes	Тар
Crane Flat	May 22 - Oct 13	40 ft	30 ft	Yes	\$26	166	Yes	Тар
Tamarack Flat	May 20 - Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	Jul - Sep 15	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	74	Yes	Тар
Yosemite Creek	Jun - Sep 14	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	Jun – Sep 8	24 ft (limited)	20 ft	First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	May 30 - Sep 27	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$26	304	Yes	Тар

* Exact campground opening and closing dates are subject to conditions.

Hiking



Hikers on the Mist Trail, Yosemite National Park. Photo by Brian Ward

Choose your adventure

With over 800 miles of hiking trails, what better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot? Ask a ranger at any visitor center for one of several free, day-hike handouts. Excellent maps and guidebooks are available at bookstores throughout the park.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall	Bridalveil Fall Parking Area	0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Lower Yosemite Fall	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock	Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7	2 miles round-trip, 2–3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6–8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake)	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles, 1 hour round-trip to Mirror Lake, 5 miles, loop around lake	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1–2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2–4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	same as above	7 miles round-trip, 5–6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome	same as above	14 mi (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 mi (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10–12 hours	Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3–4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5–7 hours full loop	Moderate

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTIANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION		
WAWONA					
Wawona Meadow Loop	Wawona Hotel	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy		
Swinging Bridge Loop	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite Hist. Ctr. Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate		
GLACIER POINT ROAD					
Taft Point	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate		
Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate		
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA					
Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area 1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour		Easy		
Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous		
John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain		
Elizabeth Lake	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate		
TIOGA ROAD					
Lukens Lake	White Wolf ¹	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate		
Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek	Porcupine Creek ¹	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss		
Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek	Lukens Lake Trailhead ¹	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss		
Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest	Tenaya Lake¹	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous		
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Wapama Falls	O'Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate		

¹These are drop-off points via the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers' Bus.

Featured Hike

The Mist Trail to Vernal and Nevada Falls

Vernal Fall footbridge: 1.6 miles/2.6 km round-trip;1.5 hours with 400 ft./122 m elevation gain

Vernal Fall: 2.4 miles/3.9km round-trip; 3 hours with 1,000 ft./366 m. elevation gain (via Mist Trail)

Nevada Fall: 5.4 miles/8.7km round-trip; 5 to 6 hours with 2,000 ft./610 m. elevation gain (via Mist Trail)

Begin at Happy Isles (shuttle stop #16)

Trail Description:

An excellent view of Vernal Fall is visible from the footbridge at 0.75 miles (1.3 km). Beyond the bridge, at 0.2 miles, the Mist Trail and the John Muir Trail diverge. To proceed directly to the top of Vernal Fall, follow the Mist Trail 0.5 mile (0.8 km) up a steep granite stairway of over 600 steps. Prepare for slippery footing and a tremendous amount of waterfall spray in spring and early summer. The top of Nevada Fall may be reached by continuing 1.3 miles (2.1 km) along the Mist Trail.

Things to know before you go:

- •Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.
- •Stay away from swiftly-moving water. Keep children from wandering on or near these hazards. Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.
- ·Always supervise children closely.
- •Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- •Never swim or wade upstream from of a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas

Feature Story: Water in Yosemite



A mixed stand of incense cedars, ponderosa pines and oaks show signs of drought stress and beetle kill in the El Portal area. NPS Photo by Gary Wuchner

Water in Yosemite

Every winter since 1931 Yosemite
National Park rangers have conducted snow surveys in the Merced and Tuolumne watersheds. From February through May, on the first of the month, rangers hike or x-country ski to established locations to measure the depth and water content of the snow. On April 1, 2015, park rangers measured the snowpack at 4% of average for the Tuolumne watershed and just 2% for the Merced.

According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), "The April 1 snowpack measurement is crucial because this is when the snowpack is normally at its peak and begins to melt into streams and reservoirs. Snowpack, through runoff, provides about one-third of the water used by California's cities and farms." The California Department of Water Resource measured the water content of snow in the entire Sierra Nevada at 5 % of the average for April 1.

Drought Impacts in Yosemite

The headwaters of the Tuolumne and Merced Wild and Scenic Rivers begin in Yosemite, but even here the effect of California's drought can be seen and felt. In an average year the water level in the Merced River can vary from an average flow of 2,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) or 1,122,000 gallons per minute (gal/min) in late May during the spring runoff to 45 cfs (20,197 gal/min) in late September. In a typical year, it is not unusual for Yosemite Falls to stop flowing in late summer or early fall; however, 2015 is not a typical year. During an average year the peak flow occurs in late May, but in 2015 the Merced River peaked in February. In late May 2015 the Merced River's average daily flow was under 1,000 cfs (448,831 gal/min). In practical terms, the low water flows will mean a shorter waterfall season. Yosemite Falls may dry up in June or early July rather than late July or August.

In addition to the waterfalls, the stands of rust colored trees throughout the park are a visible sign of the ongoing drought in California that began in 2012. Stressed by the lack of water, the trees are particularly susceptible to attacks by beetles and other insects. These beetles and insects are native species that are always present in the park at every elevation, but have increased in numbers as a result of the prolonged drought. Without water, the trees are unable to produce sufficient sap or pitch to fight off beetle attacks.

Trees at lower elevations have been the

first to feel the impact of the prolonged drought and beetle infestation. Gray pine, ponderosa pine, and white fir have been dying throughout the southern Sierra because of drought and beetle infestations. While typically not targeted by pests, even incense cedars are beginning to die because of drought.

The impact of the drought on water supplies in Yosemite has varied throughout the park. Historically, droughts have had a greater impact on areas of the park that rely on surface water, like Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows, than on Yosemite Valley with its deep wells. With the extended drought, though, managers anticipate that even previously reliable water sources may become insufficient to meet demands.

How can you help?

Conservation works. Every summer since 2012 the visitors and residents of Wawona have voluntarily reduced water usage, successfully avoiding mandatory water restrictions. Between 2011 and 2012, the average daily water use during the month of July fell by approximately 20,000 gallons in Wawona. The Wawona Golf Course uses reclaimed water to keep the links green. While water conservation cannot reverse the impacts of the drought

on trees and waterfalls, by reducing water consumption visitors can help protect water supplies for park wildlife and fellow visitors.

Conserve water when you visit the park and while you're at home. Water conservation doesn't have to be hard or dramatic to make an important impact. When washing your hands, turn off the water while you lather. Report leaks. If you see a leaky faucet or waterline in park facilities let us know. Don't flush trash, place it in a trash can. Simple behavior changes can have a big impact.

DID YOU KNOW:

- Washing full loads of laundry gets the most out of every drop of water. Most top loading washing machines use 40 gallons of water per load. Energy efficient front loading machines use just over 20 gallons of water per load.
- Mountain pine beetles and other native insects play an important role in healthy forest ecosystems by thinning trees and creating habitat for other animals like the pileated woodpecker which nests in large dead trees.

Supporting Your Park

Enhance the Visitor Experience

It takes a legion of people working together to protect this special park for you and future generations of visitors. You too can extend your connection to Yosemite well after you return home by getting involved with the organizations that partner to preserve Yosemite.

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Delaware North at Yosemite



Delaware North at Yosemite (DN) operates hotels, restaurants, sightseeing tours, recreational activities, interpretive programs, stores, shuttles and service stations in the park under contract with the U.S. Department of the Interior. DNC encourages its employees to develop a strong relationship with the park during their tenure.

For more information and employment opportunities with DN at Yosemite, visit online at:www.YosemitePark.com

NatureBridge



NatureBridge provides residential field science programs for youth in the world's most spectacular classroom - Yosemite National Park. Through active student engagement, our faculty teaches science, history, and the arts and gives these subjects context through personal experience. A NatureBridge learning adventure strives to foster a life-long connection to the natural world and responsible actions to sustain it. Find out more about our year-round programs for schools and summer programs for individual teens at www.naturebridge. org/yosemite

Yosemite Conservancy



Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. The work funded by Yosemite Conservancy is visible throughout the park, from trail rehabilitation to wildlife protection and habitat restoration. The Conservancy is dedicated to enhancing the visitor experience and providing a deeper connection to the park through outdoor programs, volunteering and wilderness services. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than \$92 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. Learn more at yosemiteconservancy. org or call 1-800-469-7275.

Habitat Protectors of Yosemite (HaPY)

Be part of the solution! Join park staff to help protect Yosemite's habitat through ecological restoration and litter cleanup projects. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to work one to three hours. Volunteers must wear long pants, closed-toe shoes. A hat and sun protection is recommended, and we encourage volunteers to bring water and snacks. All tools will be provided. Groups larger than 10 should contact the volunteer program in advance: 209/379-1850.









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